

November 21, 2001

The Honorable Bob Ney
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration
1216 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Ney and Hoyer:

We want to commend you for your hard work and perseverance in introducing a bipartisan election reform bill. The legislation is a compromise and not everyone is going to agree with all of its provisions which includes some of our county officials.

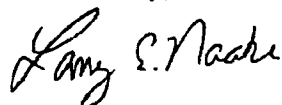
The National Association of Counties (NACo) would like to go on record as supporting H.R. 3295 as it was reported by the House Administration Committee. We would have to review this position if extensive changes are made on the House floor or in the Senate.

NACo still has concerns about Congress providing adequate funding for carrying out the mandates in the bill. We believe the authorizations would be adequate but we also would like to see a commitment from the leadership on providing sufficient appropriations in FY2002 and FY2003. We will be urging President Bush to request the full authorization amounts in his budget for FY2003.

We will be sending letters to all Members urging them to vote for H.R. 3295. We also will be urging county officials to contact their state delegations to support the bill.

If you have any questions, please call me or Ralph Tabor on our staff (202-942-4254).

Sincerely,



Larry E. Naake
Executive Director